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MARVEL

GUGGENHEIM
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CIVIL WAR II



ALPHA FLIGHT SPACE STATION.

YEARS OF WORKING
NINETY-HOUR WEEKS
FOR S.H.I.E.L.D.

YEARS WITHOUT
SO MUCH AS A
LONG WEEKEND.

AND DON'T
EVEN THINK OF
MENTIONING THE
IDEA OF A
VACATION.

I BARELY EVEN
KNOW WHAT A
"VACATION" IS.

POINT BEING, I FINALLY
HAVE MY FIRST BREAK IN
GOD KNOWS WHEN, AND
AM I ON A BEACH
SOMEWHERE, UMBRELLA
DRINK IN HAND?

AM I
PICKING UP
A HOBBY?

AM I
PLAYING
GOLF?

I MEAN, AM I
LEARNING HOW
TO PLAY GOLF?

NOPE.

I'M IN
OUTER
SPACE.

FORMER
S.H.I.E.L.D.
AGENT PHIL
COULSON.

AND I'M BREAKING
INTO A SECURE
GOVERNMENT
FACILITY.

NOT FOR THE
FIRST TIME THIS
WEEK, EITHER.

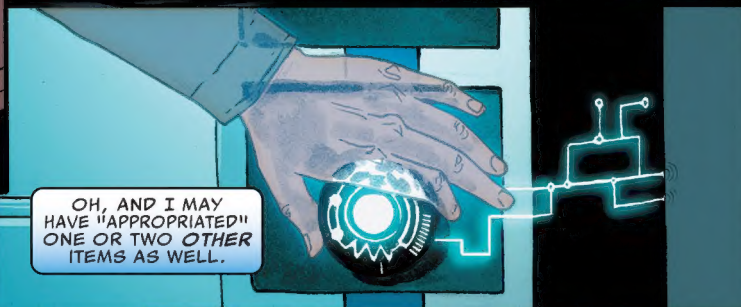
S.H.I.E.L.D. MAINTAINS
EIGHTY-SIX SECURE
LOCKUPS THROUGHOUT
THE CONTINENTAL UNITED
STATES TO KEEP MORIBUND
TECH OUT OF THE HANDS
OF BAD GUYS.

THERE'S ONE IN
CASPER, WYOMING,
THAT'S MISSING AN
OLD FANTASTIC
FOUR ROCKET.

AND ANOTHER IN
EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA,
THAT'S BEEN UNBURDENED
OF BLINDSPOT'S
INVISIBILITY GEAR.



OH, AND I MAY
HAVE "APPROPRIATED"
ONE OR TWO OTHER
ITEMS AS WELL.

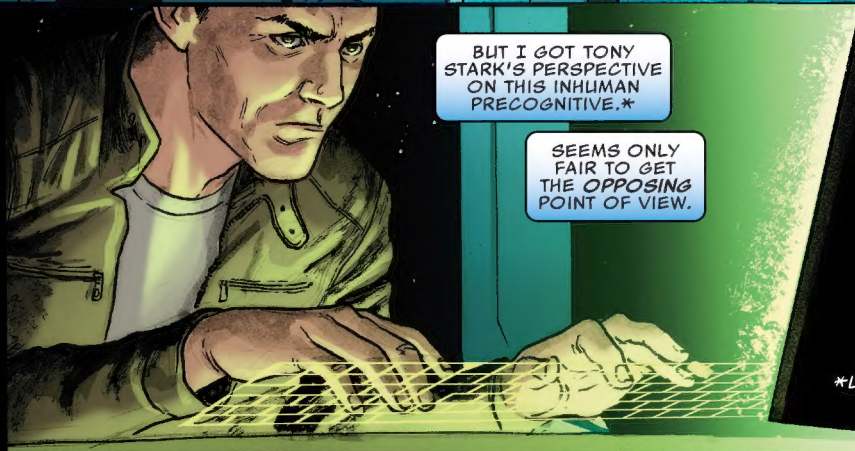


IT'S BEEN
A BUSY
WEEK.



BUT I GOT TONY
STARK'S PERSPECTIVE
ON THIS INHUMAN
PRECOGNITIVE.*

SEEMS ONLY
FAIR TO GET
THE OPPOSING
POINT OF VIEW.



*LAST ISSUE.
--K.K.

UNFORTUNATELY,
COLONEL DANVERS
ISN'T RETURNING
MY CALLS.

RUDE.

STARK AND
DANVERS...THEY'RE
BOTH CONSUMED
WITH THEIR OWN
IDEOLOGIES.

BUT THERE
HAS TO BE
A THIRD
OPTION.

ACCORDING TO
THIS, DANVERS AND
HER GROUP ARE
TARGETING THE
WRECKING CREW.

THE
INHUMAN HAD
A VISION--

--(AT LEAST,
DANVERS'
DESCRIPTION
OF IT)--

--OF THEM
TAKING DOWN THE
BROOKLYN BRIDGE,
AND IN THE COURSE
OF FIGHTING--

--OH,
MY GOD...

...DAREDEVIL...

MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS

AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

EPISODE TWO: THE THIRD FACTION

A battle is raging with nothing less than the future at stake. The emergence of a new Inhuman, Ulysses, with the power to see the future has divided the world's super heroes. The "protect the future" contingent is led by Tony Stark, who believes that the future cannot be predicted or controlled. He's opposed by Colonel Carol Danvers, who wants to use Ulysses' powers to "change the future." Forced to choose between these two factions, Agent Phil Coulson has refused to follow orders, leading S.H.I.E.L.D. Director Maria Hill to terminate his employment.

Although Coulson is no longer an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D., he has plans of his own...

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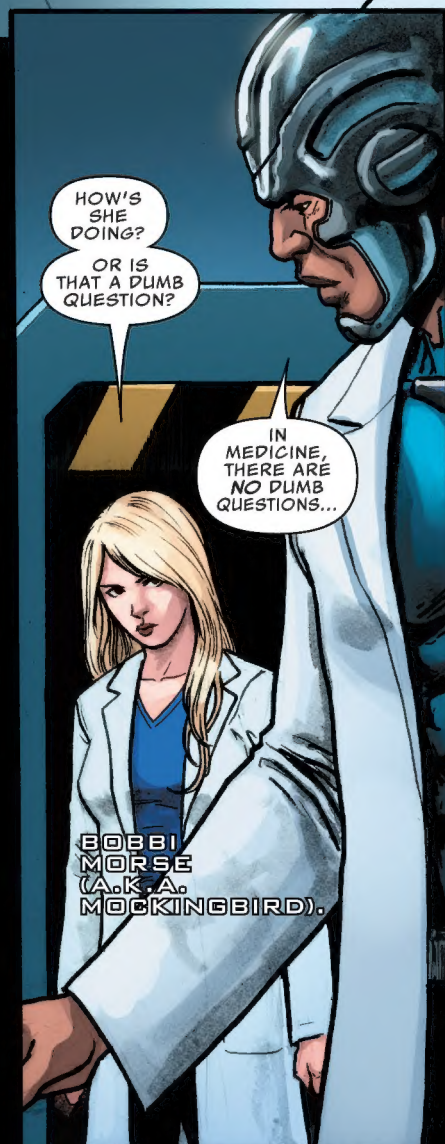
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**S.H.I.E.L.D.
MEDICAL
FACILITY.**

COMPUTER,
PLEASE RUN
BLOODWORK
75 ALPHA...

**AGENT JEMMA
SIMMONS, PH.D.
CONDITION:
CRITICAL.**

**OVERSEEING
PHYSICIAN:
HENRY HAYES, MD.
(A.K.A. DEATHLOK).**

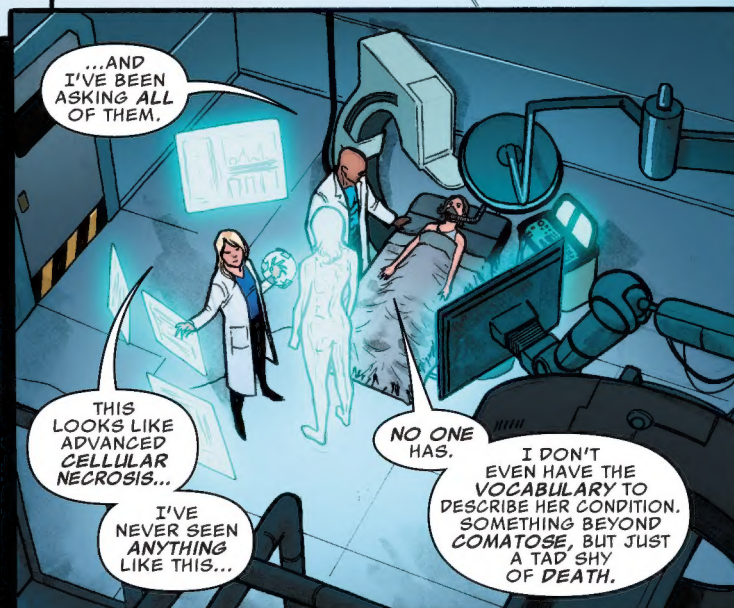


HOW'S SHE DOING?

OR IS THAT A DUMB QUESTION?

IN MEDICINE, THERE ARE NO DUMB QUESTIONS...

**BOBBI MORSE
(A.K.A. MOCKINGBIRD).**



...AND I'VE BEEN ASKING ALL OF THEM.

THIS LOOKS LIKE ADVANCED CELLULAR NECROSIS...

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS...

NO ONE HAS.

I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE VOCABULARY TO DESCRIBE HER CONDITION. SOMETHING BEYOND COMATOSE, BUT JUST A TAD SHY OF DEATH.



THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO FOR HER.

THERE'S SOMETHING THAT MIGHT WORK-- A TREATMENT THAT CAN REVERSE SOME OF THE CELL DAMAGE-- BUT IT'S A LAST RESORT.

IF I'M READING THESE SCANS RIGHT, WE'RE THERE. WHAT IS IT?

WE TURN HER INTO A DEATHLOK.

HELL'S
KITCHEN,
MANHATTAN.

ONE OF COULSON'S
SAFE HOUSES.

ULYSSES'
PREDICTION
T-MINUS
24 HOURS.

SLOPPY,
COULSON.

NO
WONDER
DIRECTOR
HILL FIRED
YOU.

MELINDA MAY,
AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

SO
MUCH FOR
SENSITIVITY.

FROM
ME?

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING HERE,
MELINDA?



I GUESS YOU COULD SAY I'VE BEEN TAKING A LITTLE TOUR OF ALL THE SAFE HOUSES YOU MAINTAIN OFF THE BOOKS.

THIS IS SOME NICK-FURY-LEVEL PARANOIA, I'VE GOTTA TELL YOU.

I'M NOT BEING PARANOID.



THEN WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO STAY OFF THE GRID? WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, PHIL?

THE LESS YOU KNOW, THE BETTER.

THEN LET'S PICK WORSE.



DAREDEVIL IS GOING TO DIE BY THIS TIME TOMORROW.

UNFORTUNATELY, THAT'S NOT THE BALL CAPTAIN MARVEL AND HER POSSE SEEM TO HAVE THEIR EYE ON.



THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE COLONEL DANVERS.

PEOPLE AREN'T THINKING STRAIGHT.

THAT INCLUDE YOU, PHIL?

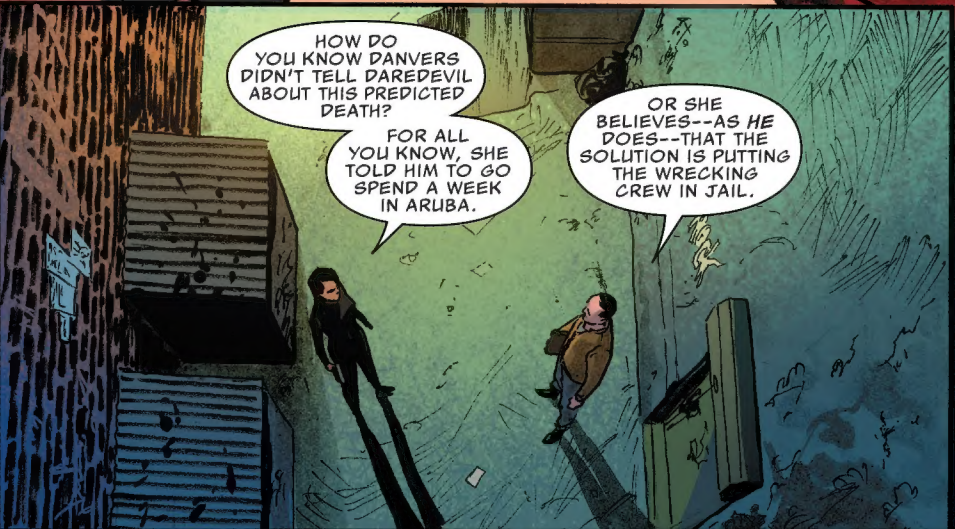
MAYBE. BUT WHAT'S GOING ON...



"...WHAT'S GOING ON IS A WAR OF EXTREMES."

"TONY STARK IS WILLING TO GO TO DANGEROUS LENGTHS TO STOP SOMETHING-- SOMEONE--WHO COULD ACTUALLY HELP THE WORLD."

"WHILE COLONEL DANVERS SEEMS TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN INCARCERATING PEOPLE BEFORE THEY CAN ACTUALLY COMMIT A CRIME."



HOW DO YOU KNOW DANVERS DIDN'T TELL DAREDEVIL ABOUT THIS PREDICTED DEATH?

FOR ALL YOU KNOW, SHE TOLD HIM TO GO SPEND A WEEK IN ARUBA.

OR SHE BELIEVES--AS HE DOES--THAT THE SOLUTION IS PUTTING THE WRECKING CREW IN JAIL.



DANVERS IS A WOMAN WITH A HAMMER, MELINDA. AND EVERY PROBLEM LOOKS LIKE A NAIL.

SO MAYBE SHE'S LOST SOME PERSPECTIVE. IT SEEMS TO BE GOING AROUND.



YOU ENDANGERED JUST ABOUT EVERY SUPER HERO ON THE PLANET WITH YOUR PROTOCOLS. MAYBE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOME REDEMPTION.

LIKE YOU SAID: "PEOPLE AREN'T THINKING STRAIGHT."



I'M NOT SAYING YOU'RE WRONG, MELINDA, BUT AT THE SAME TIME--



AGENT COULSON...
...I'D LIKE A WORD.

COLONEL CAROL DANVERS.
(A.K.A. CAPTAIN MARVEL).

I WAS AFRAID OF THIS.



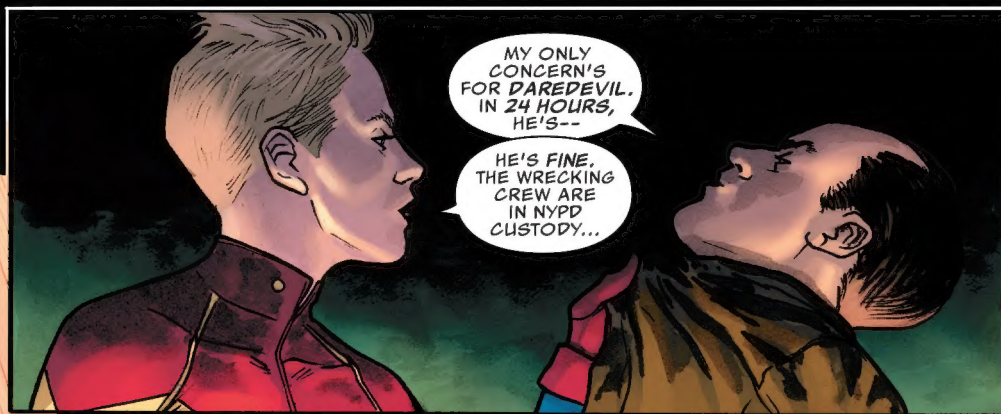
I REALLY DON'T CARE FOR PEOPLE BREAKING INTO MY OFFICE.
IT'S A THING WITH ME.



ME, TOO...

LOSING YOUR POSITION WITH S.H.I.E.L.D.-- (I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, BY THE WAY)-- WASN'T ENOUGH?

YOU HAD TO GO LOOKING FOR MORE TROUBLE?



MY ONLY
CONCERN'S
FOR DAREDEVIL.
IN 24 HOURS,
HE'S--

HE'S FINE.
THE WRECKING
CREW ARE
IN NYPD
CUSTODY...

"...SPIDER-MAN
AND I MOPPED
THEM UP EARLIER
THIS EVENING.

"THE WINDOW
ON ULYSSES'
PREDICTION
HAS CLOSED."

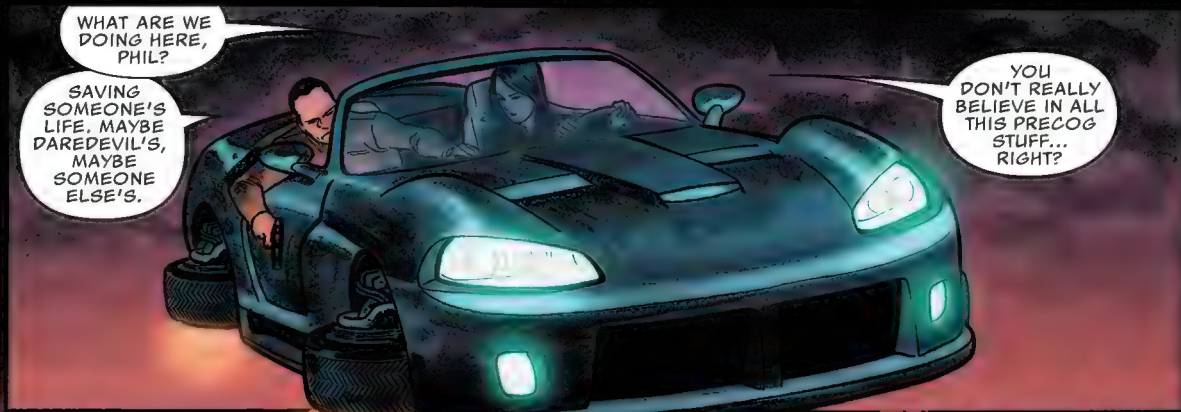


THEY'RE
IN A SECURE
TRANSPORT
ON THEIR WAY TO
RYKER'S ISLAND
AS WE
SPEAK--



CHOOOOOOOM

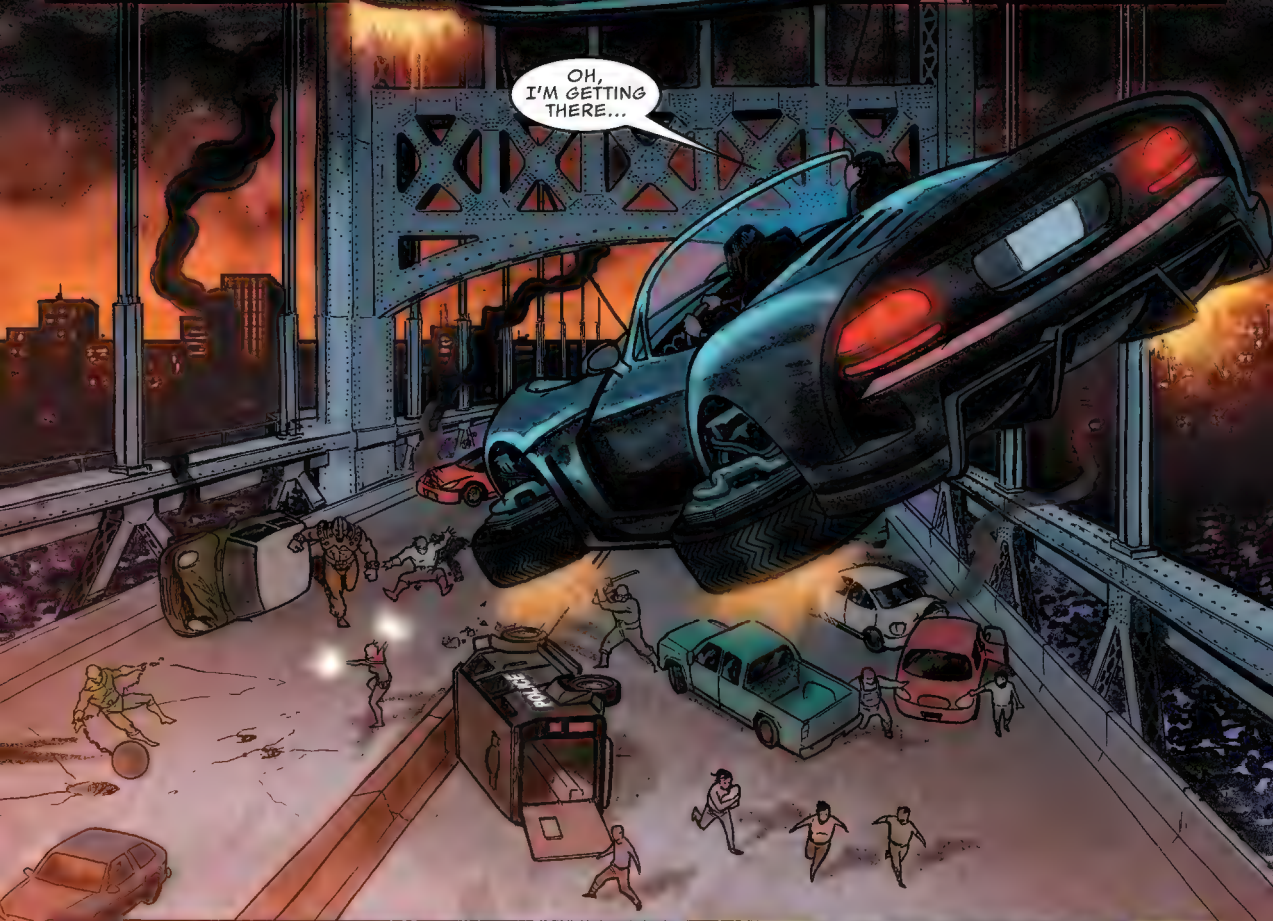




WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE, PHIL?

SAVING SOMEONE'S LIFE. MAYBE DAREDEVIL'S, MAYBE SOMEONE ELSE'S.

YOU DON'T REALLY BELIEVE IN ALL THIS PRECOG STUFF... RIGHT?



OH, I'M GETTING THERE...

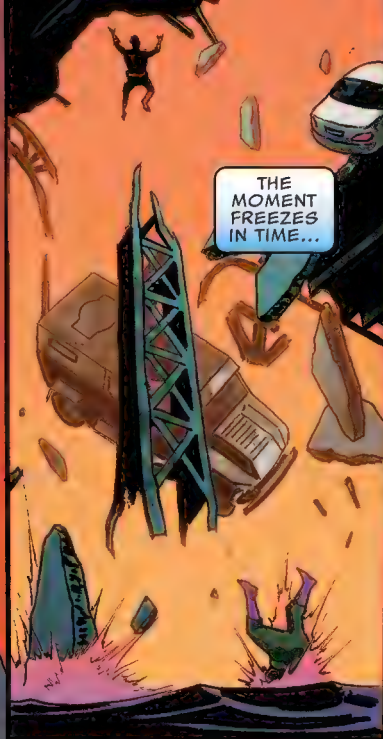


I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO STAY PUT.



SORRY, BUT YOU'RE NOT THE CAPTAIN OF ME.







WELL,
THAT
HAPPENED...

I THOUGHT
I TOLD YOU
TO STAY OUT
OF THIS--

IS THAT
YOUR IDEA
OF A "THANK
YOU"?

ACTUALLY,
BETTER QUESTION--
BY TRYING TO CHANGE
THE FUTURE, HAS IT
OCCURRED TO YOU
THAT YOU MIGHT BE
MAKING IT
HAPPEN?



LAST TIME I CHECKED,
YOU WEREN'T A QUANTUM
PHYSICIST.

LAST TIME I
CHECKED, NEITHER
WERE YOU.

WE NEED
TO UNDERSTAND
THIS INHUMAN
BETTER. WE NEED
TO UNDERSTAND
THIS SITUATION
BETTER.



NO, I DON'T
THINK YOU
UNDERSTAND,
PHIL.



THERE
IS NO
"WE."



SHE
DOES
NOT LOOK
HAPPY.

IT'S A
COMPLICATED
BUSINESS, THIS
PREDICTING
THE FUTURE.

THAT'S
THE THING.
IT IS
COMPLICATED.



FAR TOO COMPLICATED FOR
A SIMPLE BINARY QUESTION.
"WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU
ON?" DANVERS
OR STARK?

THERE
HAS TO BE
A THIRD
OPTION.

24 HOURS LATER.
MARANA, ARIZONA.
S.H.I.E.L.D AIR BASE.

KICKING
THE TIRES ON A
NEW HULKBUSTER
UNIT. THIS IS WHAT
WE'VE BEEN
REDUCED TO.

THIS WOULD
BE AN EPIC
WASTE OF TIME IF
THERE STILL WAS
A HULK.

TAK TAK

TAK

THERE STILL
ARE PLENTY OF
HULKS IN THE WORLD,
HENRY. A NEW ONE
EVERY DAY, IT
FEELS LIKE.



AGENT
LEO
FITZ.

LESS
TALKING,
MORE BUSTING
HULKBUSTERS,
PLEASE.

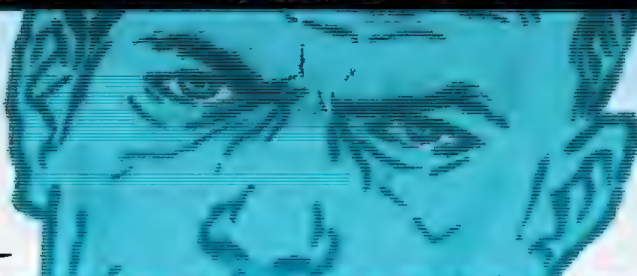
CHRP

MR.
FITZ...

THE HELL?
GENERAL
STRAKOFSKY,
HOW'D YOU
GET--?

I WORK
FOR THE MOST
POWERFUL MILITARY
IN ALL OF HUMAN
HISTORY, MR. FITZ.
GIVE ME SOME
CREDIT.

YOU'VE
MISSED YOUR
LAST THREE
CHECK-INS.





BEEN
A LITTLE
BUSY...



TELL YOU
WHAT, THOUGH--I'LL
CALL WHEN THERE'S A
LITTLE LESS OF A CHANCE
OF, Y'KNOW, EVERYBODY
FINDING OUT I'M WORKING
FOR YOU, ALL RIGHT?
ALL RIGHT. BYE.

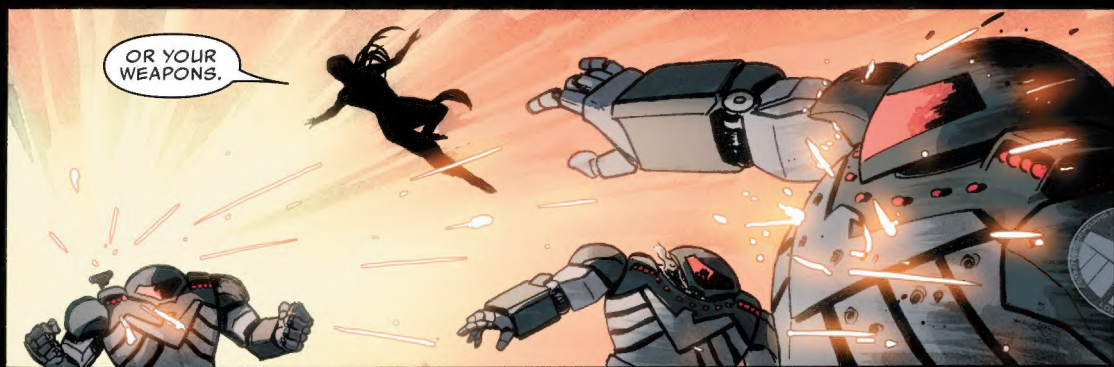
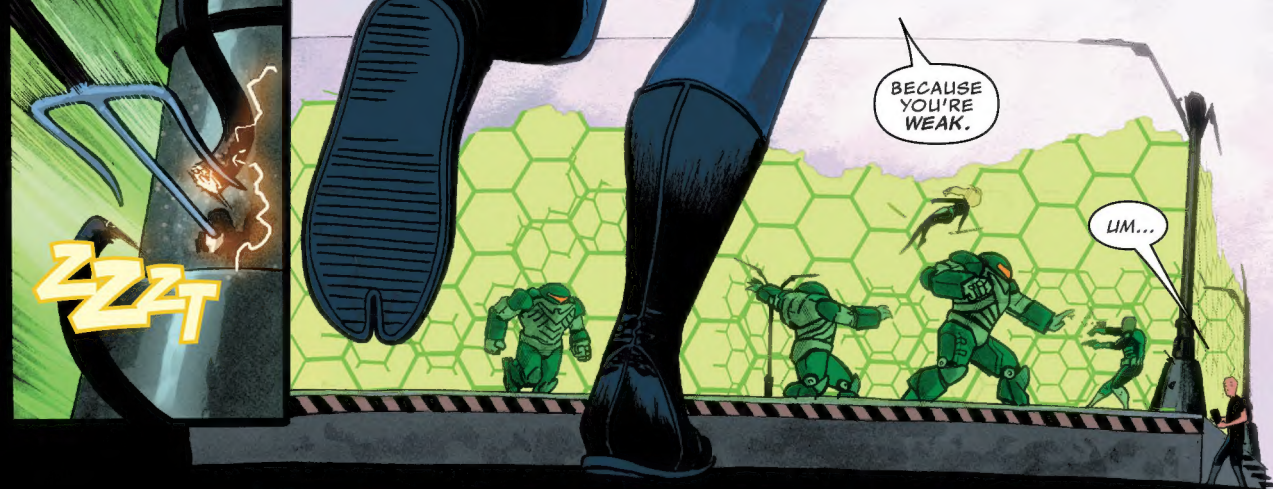


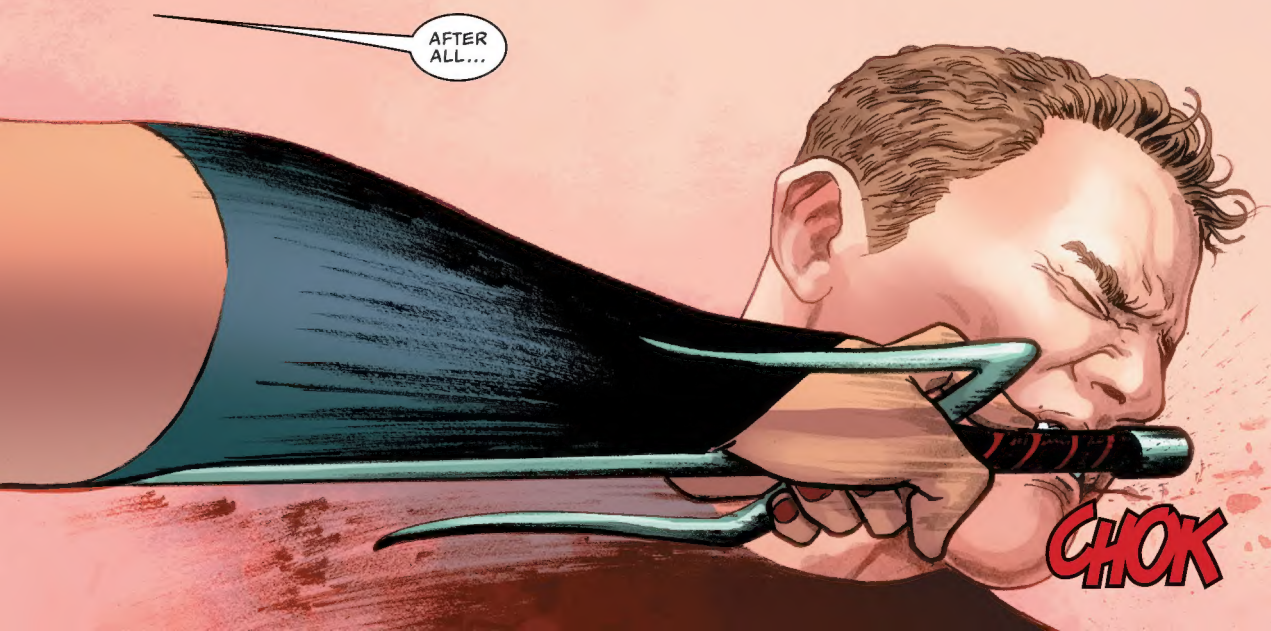
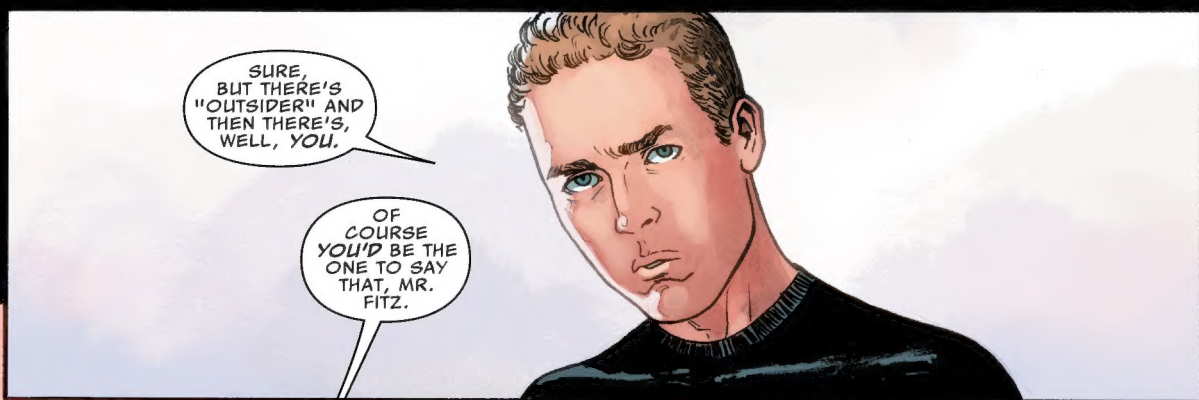
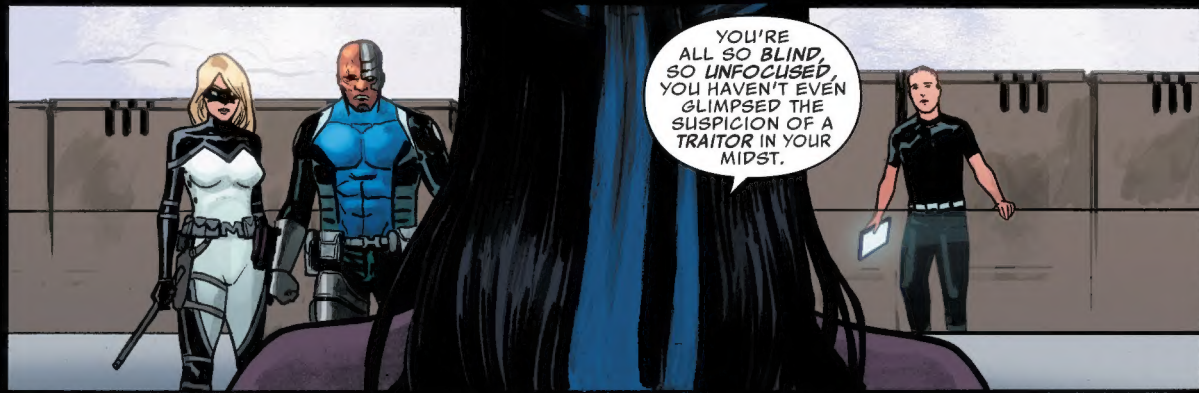
FITZ?
EVERYTHING
OKAY?


JUST
GETTING A LOT
OF GLITCHES IN
THIS STARKTECH
ARMOR...



DOESN'T
SEEM TO BE
CAUSING THEM
TOO MUCH
TROUBLE.







...YOU'RE
THE
TRAITOR.

ELEKTRA
NATCHIOS.
ASSASSIN.

NEXT:
YOU CAN'T
EVEN IMAGINE.

NEXT:
AGENTS OF
S.H.I.E.L.D. 9



CIVIL
WAR **II**

Wanda Maximoff
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